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CURWOOD CABIN IS COMPLETED

FINEST OF KIND IN AMERICA

The log cabin of James Oliver Curwood, located on the South Branch of the AuSable river near the Chase bridge is finished and is, without doubt, the most wonderful log structure anywhere in America. Mr. Curwood claims that he has been directly interested in a quarter million dollars worth of building operations here during the last few years. In the construction of the log cabin, he says that he was in the job for six months, with exception of two days, watching the work as it progressed. The construction work was done by Earl Dutton of Roscommon and a crew of assistants, all of whom Mr. Curwood gives the finest praise for their workmanship. Also Ernest Richardson, who furnished the magnificent logs that went into the building, and Ora Billman for building the fireplace.

A very excellent account of the new log cabin home of Mr. Curwood was published in last week's edition of the Roscommon Herald-News, from which we are pleased to quote, as follows:

In building this log manor in the style of the seigneurial seats of power where lived the French overlords of the New France that once stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to Hudson's Bay, and from the Appalachian to the Rocky Mountains, James Oliver Curwood has provided himself with the "atmosphere" in which he will write his next several novels. These will deal in the romance attending reign of France in the new world, from 1750 to shortly before the American Revolution.

The manor, though built throughout of native logs, is too pretentious to be called a "log cabin." The old cabin located nearby, in which Mr. Curwood did much of his work while writing of the lives and adventures of the Canadian Northwest Mounted, was well suited to that type of story. Now, however, with his skill turned to historical romances laid in a period where, with all the discomforts of life in a new world, the niceties and courtesies of the social life of the Old World at the height of ancient French power was maintained, he has carried out in detail the physical likeness of one of the centers of life in New France of the period to be covered in the new historical romances, of which "The Black Hunter" is an example.

The manor, situated on the highest point of a plateau overlooking the valley of the AuSable, is constructed of great logs of Norway pine. The whole surrounding countryside was secured to find the timbers for the cabin, for in Michigan's cut over lands the great trees that once crowded each other for space have been cut years since, and such logs as were needed for the manor were hard to find.

The logs were peeled and treated with creosote before being used and the manor was built in the old fashioned way, the logs being settled at the corners as they were laid, the ends projecting out beyond the corner. There is a great verandah along one side of the building, 38 feet long and 15 feet wide—large enough to permit the setting up of three 12 by 12 foot square tents on the porch itself.

The main room in the manor is 25 feet long and 20 feet wide and the floor is covered with a great old-fashioned rag rug, woven on a hand loom as were the carpets of the old days. There are two bedrooms, each 15 by 14 feet, and a kitchen 15 by 10 feet in dimensions.

The manor presents the appearance of a long, low building, the low, sloping roof of brown shingles continuing in a long sweep from gable to the edge of the wide verandah.

Of the entire structure, the one part of which Mr. Curwood is probably the proudest, is the fireplace and chimney. The chimney has been constructed so that the effect is as though the gods themselves had dumped down a great pile of stones of every conceivable size and color, and man had taken advantage of it to create his smokestack through the pile.

Stones of two tons and upwards in weight have been built into the chimney, requiring special tact to hoist them into place. The weight of the chimney is so great—being more than 300 tons—that it was necessary to build a rock, steel and concrete foundation containing 36 tons of material, upon which to build the chimney.

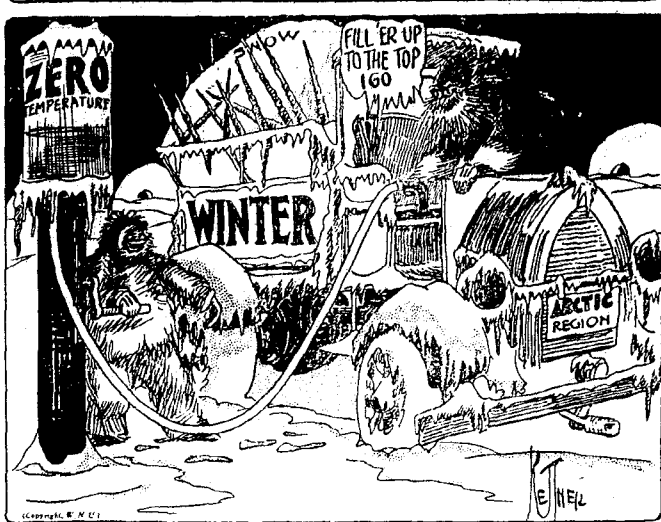
The fireplace is six feet wide and four feet high, and the field stones of which it is constructed project for about three feet on either side of the opening, and for four feet above. Instead of a mantle, a great white pine log has been set in the structure above the fireplace.

The fireplace has been fitted with all of the old cooking equipment of the original log manors of the seigneurs. Many of the meals to be served in the manor will be prepared over the log fires, as in the ancient manor.

There is not another such building on the American continent today, believes Mr. Curwood, and great interest was shown in it by visitors during its construction. This was particularly noticeable during the tourist season, and it finally became necessary to provide a special parking place for the cars of people who came to see the building, and to station a watchman to keep the visitors from interfering with the workmen who were constructing the manor under the personal supervision of Mr. Curwood.

Owning the surrounding land, Mr. Curwood has made of it a refuge for wild life, and has also started the planting of every variety of tree native to Michigan. He has planted 100 trees on the tract during the past three years and has been so successful in planting that only 30 failed to thrive. Only trees that are from (Continued on last page)

At the Filling Station



The President's Message

W. W. LEWIS ASKS CO-OPERATION WITH BOARD OF TRADE
Grayling, Mich., Dec. 15, 1926.

To the Citizens of Grayling:

At the last annual meeting of the Grayling Board of Trade your humble servant was chosen as president of the organization for the coming year.

In order to succeed in procuring benefits for our city, it will be necessary for you citizens to all lend a helping hand and help put the things over that may be decided are most needed.

As your president I shall endeavor to promote the interests of the town as a whole, but I cannot do it alone, so let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and start something beneficial.

We need to improve the appearance of our streets, buildings and yards. Advertise and talk "Grayling." Help our home industries by buying home-made products. "We produce the best bread, butter, flooring and lumber to be had. So please demand Grayling-made products of your dealers."

Come to the next meeting of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening, December 21st and tell us what you want. Come whether you are a member or not. Better still—come and join the Board of Trade and help best.

Yours for a Better Grayling.

W. W. LEWIS,
President Grayling Board of Trade.

VETERAN MICHIGAN GUIDE RETAINS FAITH IN STATE'S WILDS

Grayling, Mich., Nov. 20.—"Rube" Babbitt, age 67 years, one of the best known guides in the state and country, has seen Michigan's forests ravaged, its greatest and gamiest fish, the grayling, virtually erased, and one of the outstanding features of its wild life, the passenger pigeon, exterminated, but he is as enthusiastic regarding Michigan's outdoor appeal as he was in the palmy days of his young manhood when Michigan's popularity as a vacationland was undreamed of.

For 53 years, since 1873, he has been a resident of Grayling, the town named after Michigan's ichthyological favorite. He was there with Shoppengon, the Chippewa Indian, and with this redskin, after whom a Grayling hotel is named, fished and hunted along the AuSable. He saw the first lumber camp built in Grayling in 1876. He saw the timber go. He remembers vividly the attention which the grayling, then called the "AuSable trout," began to attract in 1876. He saw and guided many of the noted men and women visitors who came from all sections of the country to catch the great game fish. He has seen rookeries of passenger pigeons 35 miles long, he says, "As today, as you study him and talk about him, you think of Wordsworth's phrase, 'A man he seems of cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows.'"

In the early '70's, the grayling was a comparatively unknown fish, outside the precincts of Grayling, Babbitt avers.

His father, Reuben Babbitt, about that time brought some specimens of grayling to Bay City to show to Dan Fitzhugh and Len Johnson. Then the world seemed to suddenly awaken to a realization of the attributes of the Michigan fish. Men flocked into Grayling from all sections of the country. Rube Babbitt became a guide. Col. Norton and Charles Johnson of New Orleans, sportsmen who in the early 80's became financial backers of the puglist, Jake Kilrain, came to Grayling seeking the grayling. Charles R. Flint of New York, a prominent sportsman of those days; Ed. Flint of Chicago, active on the Chicago Board of Trade; the Bradleys of Cleveland, steamboat magnates; the Havemeyers of New York, importers, whose name is inextricably linked with the romance of sugar, and others, only slightly less prominent, visited this hunting and fishing paradise and were guided by Rube. He had their regard and their confidence and in some instances their affection and today a number who have been visiting the AuSable annually for 40 years invariably stop to visit Rube on the trip.

"I'd take them down the more than 200 miles of the AuSable in a houseboat," Rube said. "When we got to Lake Huron, I'd sell or leave the boat there and then come back and build another boat. Once I got \$25 for one of my houseboats. Another time I got \$40. We'd live on the houseboat and fish from small boats and associations of those days will never be forgotten."

The grayling was the greatest game fish that ever lived in Michigan. It was the only fish natural to these waters. An Englishman, named Johnson, crossed the Atlantic annually for a number of years for the thrill he got out of the grayling. It was the greatest fishing sport he ever had, he used to say. Many women came here in those days and later to fish for grayling. Some of them were better Waltonians than the men. Names that I recall being outstanding feminine sports-women are Mrs. George Pomeroy of Toledo, Mrs. Joe Pearson of Chicago and Mrs. Judge Swayne.

"But the graylings are gone now. The AuSable river waters have changed and the grayling may never come back, despite efforts at culture. Then the waters were clear and cold and clean. Today they are warm and contain too much sediment. The forests are essential to national welfare economically. But they are also essential to the protection of wild life and fish. When the forests went, the streams became impure through erosion. Soil was washed into the streams. Many fish will not live in muddy, dirty waters. Trout must leave or be killed. They cannot thrive without forest being out. Birds and game also need the protection of forests. That is why I am an ardent advocate of reforestation and conservation."

Tourists Have Helped
"Tourists and resorters are being attracted by the natural beauties we have. They have, through their advent, done a great deal for this particular section. Idle lands in this county which had the appearance of liabilities have become assets. Resorters and sportsmen have purchased lands here and built cottages. They are taxpayers. We want more of them. But we must begin at once to conserve what we have and to plan the utilization of more of our idle acres for recreational features."

Babbitt has given a lot of thought and effort to conservation. For years he was a game warden. He is never too busy to offer his gratuitous services as guide to others interested in conservation. He has some unique ideas on conservation. He

GRAYLING DEBATERS DEFEAT W. BRANCH

Grayling high school "Daniel Webster" team, coached by Miss Jean Swinton, defending the negative side of the proposition: "Resolved, The United States Government should own the coal mines," argues their way to a decisive victory over West Branch here last week Thursday evening, the judges' vote being unanimously in favor of the negative.

West Branch put up a good argument, citing the postoffice as a successful government enterprise, assuring that in all probability the government could likewise successfully own and operate the coal mines. This argument, however, was soundly refuted by the negative, they using statistical points in proving to the judges that the United States post-office is being operated at an annual loss.

The debate was opened by Miss Jones of West Branch, who made many good points for her team. Amos Hunter of Grayling followed Miss Jones in order of presentation and the straight forward method of argumentation by Mr. Hunter did much to impress the judges and secure their vote.

The second and third speakers for both teams upheld the arguments of their colleagues and many impressive points were presented by them.

George Schroeder of Grayling, second on the negative, also has some ideas on propagation of the forests. Listen to this:

"The only proper, certain way to raise trees is to secure your seeds from the top of the trees," he declares. "Right here in this neighborhood we have the ideal seed source in the Hanson Pines. This is a virgin stand of timber, the last remaining one of pines in the Lower Peninsula. Seeds should be gathered from the tree tops. Anchor a balloon in these pines, collect your seeds from the tops of the trees and then plant them. Only in this way can you secure the healthy seed in the right quantities to insure the right culture."

"Rube" is caretaker of the Grayling free tourist camp. The visitor seeking him is told to "look for a man dressed in khaki, 67 years old, who looks 40 years." Visitors unerringly locate and identify "Rube" on this description.—Free Press.

ond negative rebuttal speaker, put the spotlight on ice for him and his colleagues, calling the judges' attention to the already realized fact that he and his team mates had left nothing undone and that each and every argument they had presented could be backed up by sound and conclusive authority.

On the whole, the debate was a hot argument, both sides battling to the finish, the Grayling arguments standing out preeminently as a result of excellent coaching in delivery and presentation. Miss Swinton and her debating team are a credit to this community, and we wish them the greatest success in their future contests.

Those participating in the debate are as follows: West Branch—Affirmative—Elinor Jones, Ruth Miller and Charles Morse. Grayling—Negative—Amos Hunter, Ethel Taylor and George Schroeder. The judges were: Supt. Burgett, Gaylord; Miss Rittenhouse, Cheboygan, and Mr. Lynch, Toledo, Ohio.

THE FOLLOWING PRESCRIPTION
If taken each day will make more friends and more happiness; it never fails.

A little less creed,
A little more giving,
A little less greed,
A little more smile,
A little less frown,
A little less kicking,
A man when he's down,
A little more "we,"
A little less "I,"
A little more laugh,
A little less cry,
A little more flowers,
On the pathway of life,
And fewer on graves,
At the end of the strife."

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY

Won't you please hurry up and do your Christmas mailing at once? Your friends will be pleased to receive your gifts on or before Christmas day. There will be no delivery of mail by city carrier after noon on Dec. 25th. So hurry up and mail early. Do not place seals or stickers on the address side of letters or parcels. It is confusing and is not mailable to foreign countries.

The Grayling postoffice will be open from 9:00 a. m. o'clock Christmas day to 12:00 o'clock noon. Won't you all be on time, PLEASE.
Melvin A. Bates, P. M.

Santa Claus

Came

Prowling

Around

The

Lumberyard

the other night and said that he wanted some more lumber and supplies for some homes in Grayling. "Just got to keep the home up in good shape," said he. And he found all kinds of things that he needed. And so will you if you try. Just tell us what you are intending to do and we will suggest the things you need.

T. W. Hanson

Phone 622



Our Anniversary

About one year ago new electric lines came snapping and cracking into Grayling and all the North country was alive with electric energy. The never failing slave to humanity was here ready to do our bidding. Many Grayling homes have taken advantage of privilege of electricity. In celebration of this first birthday we are making a special

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Takes any Electric Appliance in our Store.

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Grayling Electric Company

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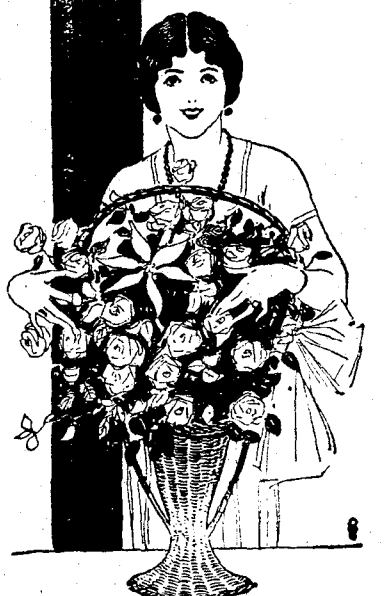
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also full line of

Cut Flowers



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Grayling Creamery

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1926

WE REMEMBER well that while residing in the city of Grand Rapids, that one prominent baking company there advertised very extensively "Wholesome" bread. That was the name of the bread and it had a tremendous sale. It was good bread but it wasn't one bit better than Blue Bird bread, the bread made right here in Grayling, and it wasn't made from any purer and better materials, nor was it more wholesome.

Right now there are hundreds of loaves of bread being shipped into Grayling daily that are no better than, and are at times much inferior to, Grayling bread, and that hurts the business of our local baker. It doesn't seem quite fair. We know of one man who shipped a bread wrapper onto a Blue Bird loaf, and the family thought it was wonderful bread. "Much better than Grayling bread." Let's look at the matter in a common sense way. Blue Bird bread will match up with any bread that comes into this city, according to the opinion of some good judges. And Joseph Smith, the baker at Cas-

sidy's, is an expert in cake baking. And here we find big bakery wagons from other cities filling the counters of local stores with outside-made cakes and cookies.

Of course we receive some patronage from Mr. Cassidy, but that is not the reason why we are writing this editorial. We believe it is good business for Grayling if we use our influence in trying to protect our home industries. We can't solve this task; it is only in the power of the people of the town to do so, and it would be the easiest thing in the world to chase every outside bakery wagon off our streets if they were so inclined. All that it is necessary to do is to tell your dealer that you want Grayling-made bread—Blue Bird, and Grayling-made pies, cakes and cookies. Just as long as we buy cakes and bread, we may be sure that the dealer, if he is a live one, will have that kind there to sell you. But, honestly, he would prefer to back up our home bakery if we would let him. Tell him that you are using Grayling bread and other baked goods exclusively and must have it. Stick to our home industries if we want the town to go ahead. If we get the patronage we will help to pay for the new paving, for the new boulevard lights, paint our buildings more often, patronize our entertainments, fairs, other features. And we can wear better clothes and drive better automobiles, have finer, more comfortable homes, instead of the other fellow who comes here and gets the business and then spends his money in Detroit or some other place where they never even think of Grayling's prosperity. Let's just try it seriously for awhile and see what are the results. —and ask for Grayling creamery butter, too.

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COUNTY NURSE GIVES REPORT ON CONVENTION

A fairly large number of citizens gathered at the Board of Trade rooms Tuesday afternoon where they listened to a very interesting and comprehensive report of the state convention of public health nurses. This was given by our county nurse, Miss Winchell.

Preliminary to her address Dr. C. R. Keyport called attention to the importance to the public of the work of the county nurse. Invaluable work is done in the way of aiding in the heading off of contagious epidemics, and also in aiding toward the building up of better health among young children. In every community there are children who may need physical attention which condition is not always discernable to the untrained notice of the parents. It frequently occurs too, that children appear in the schools who may be the means of spreading disease, sometimes simple in their results but many times of real serious nature. Under the trained eyes of a public health nurse for whom the highest qualifications must be possessed before they may be granted license to accept such service, diseases are usually detected before much damage may be done, thus, often times, protecting whole schools from disease and consequent expense and discomfort.

We shall not attempt to quote from the report of Miss Winchell about the state convention at Lansing. However, she attended every session of the meeting and had the privilege of hearing some of the very best authorities along lines pertaining to the work of public health nurses. Her report was very interesting and revealed some of the workings of this important branch of our civic welfare department.

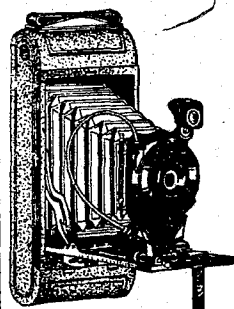
Miss Winchell has been in Crawford county for only a few months, yet she seems to have already well established herself in the confidence of those who have had an opportunity to observe her work. She has proven herself a serious and persistent worker and is very much in earnest in her work, and we are sure she will fill the important position she is holding in this county.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP CLUB NOTES

Miss Alice Harrison was hostess to the Good Fellowship club Monday evening. The president, Mrs. Sigwald Hanson presiding. Very interesting papers were read by Mrs. George Alexander on the science and industry of 1801 to 1826 and by Mrs. Chas. Tromble on the slavery of the west from 1801 to 1826.

Arrangements for the community tree were completed.

Miss Winchell, the county nurse, gave a short talk to the club on some special cases which need attention. Meeting adjourned.



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PRES. LEWIS AP-POINTS COMMITTEE

B. OF T. LOOKING FORWARD TO GOOD YEAR

President W. W. Lewis of the Board of Trade announces the appointment of the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

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GAYLORD ATTORNEY PASSES

Attorney A. D. Marshall, the dean of the legal profession of Otsego county, succumbed to death early Tuesday morning, Dec. 14th, at his home in Gaylord, at the age of 77 years. With his wife and infant daughter he made his way from Benton Harbor to Gaylord in the fall of 1877, and being a young man of distinctive energy and ambition, he hung out his shingle and made a bid for public patronage, and such was his legal knowledge and skill that his clientele grew and amply rewarded his genius and integrity.

As a representative of the highest type of manhood and of the best of American citizenship, Mr. Marshall ever took a keen and lively interest in all that went to conserve the welfare of his home city and county, and never shirked the responsibilities that accompanied public office.

He was in the public trust for many years, and was universally esteemed and respected by all classes of people, and his passing cast a pall of gloom over the community in which he was so long identified in a professional and business way. He is survived by his widow, and son Ersten Marshall of Des Moines, Iowa.

FREDERIC SENIORS BANQUET SCHOOL BOARD

The school board of Frederic, Michigan, were served a delicious five-course banquet Monday evening at six o'clock, by the senior class of the Frederic high school.

The honor guest was Mr. C. S. Barber, who left immediately after the banquet on a trip to Florida. Places were laid for twelve.

Menu	
Grapefruit Cocktail	Lettuce Salad
Chicken A la King on Toast	Mashed Potatoes
Spinach	Creamed Peas
Relish	Hot Biscuits
Fruit Salad	Cake
Mints	Coffee
	Almonds

The hostesses were Miss Marguerite Wixson and Miss Beatrice Wixson, members of the graduating class of 1927.

The guests were: Supt. and Mrs. J. W. Payne. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber. Mr. and Mrs. H. Leggett. Mr. George Thomas. Mr. Elmer Corsaut.

The dinner was served in formal English style by Miss Lola Craven and Miss Annabelle Hunter.

The graduating class, who are all Home Economic students planned and prepared the entire affair, assisted by Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, Home Economics instructor.

The members of the class are: Beatrice Wixson, Marguerite Richards, Lola Craven, Annabelle Hunter, Flora Parson, Elsie Burke, Elva Walters, Ruby Crandall, Evelyn Barber, Francis Hunter, Clayton Doremire.

Toasts were given by Mr. Barber, Mr. Corsaut, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Leggett, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Payne, in which they complimented the senior class on their success as Home Economics students and the cooperative spirit shown the school board and entire faculty throughout their entire high school course.

Electric appliances are modern and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show room.



Greeting for Christmas and the New Year

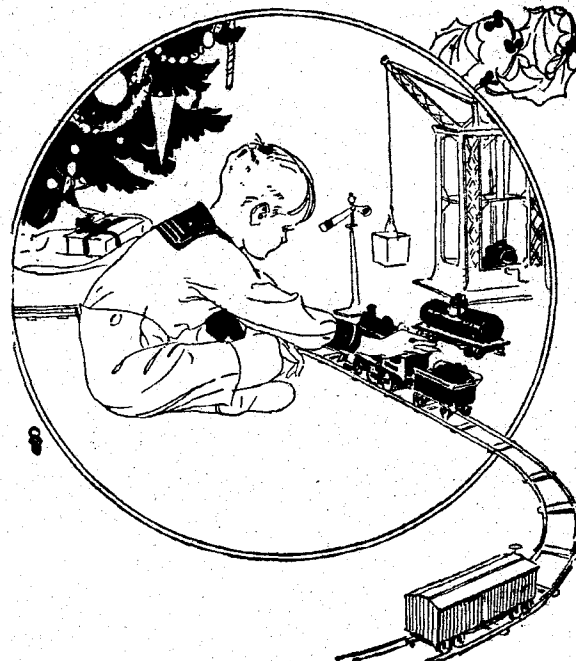
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FOR SALE—NEARLY NEW 5c Slot machine. A bargain. Inquire at Avalanche office.

A BLACK AND WHITE HOUND pup strayed from hunting party, Dec. 12, 3 1/2 miles north of Grayling near M-14. Reward offered. C. R. Adams. Reward offered.

TIMBER WANTED—WE ARE now paying increased prices for box bolts. Write us for prices. Haverston Lumber & Salt Co., Bay City, Mich. 12-16-8

FOR SALE—B-FLAT CORNER. Harold McNeven, at Nick Schjotz grocery or Burke Apts.

FOR SALE—TWO STORY, EIGHT room house, cement block wall, good cement cellar, corner lot with garage. Is assessed at \$1200.00. Review say it is worth more. My price is \$900.00 and purchaser pay 1926 tax. If interested write Chas. Ewalt, Mackinaw City, Mich., L. B. 74.

HOUSEWORK WANTED—BY THE day or hour. Mrs. Eva Bailey.

LOST—GREEN LAUGHLIN PENCIL, Tuesday morning, Dec. 7th, between the vicinity of the cemetery and Danish church and school building. Please return to Violet Williams.

FOUND—WEDNESDAY EVENING a child's wool neck scarf, color brown and tan. Please call at Avalanche office.

GARAGE FOR RENT OR FOR Storage. Mrs. Lottie Atkinson, South Side Phone 1191.

STRAYED—TWO HORSES TO THE Hanson State Military Reservation. Owner may have same on proof of ownership and payment of costs. 12-9-6 LEROY PEARSON, Quartermaster General.

WANTED TO BUY—A SECOND hand kitchen range. Anyone having one for sale, leave word at the Nick Schjotz grocery.

GIRL WANTED FOR GENERAL housework. Inquire of Mrs. Clarence Dixon, Park street.

I am CLEANING AND PRESSING SUITS Prices reasonable. Miss M. Harder, on Clare St. near Hospital

LOST—PURSE CONTAINING A Rosary marked with initials B. E. L. and a house key No. 1921. Initials on purse B. L. \$5.00 reward offered for return of purse and contents to the Avalanche office or to me. T. E. Douglas, Grayling.

WANTED—GIRL TO WORK FOR board and go to school. Inquire of Mrs. Lorane Sparkes.

FOR SALE—BABY CUTTER. Call Mrs. Lyle Milks 12-2-11

LOST—POCKET BOOK, CONTAINING a sum of money and valuable papers. Finder may retain half of the money upon return of the pocket book and contents to Otto Gauderer, at Carl Sorenson's barber shop.

FOR SALE CHEAP—TEAM, Harness, wagon and sleds. Inquire of Harry M. Lufger, one mile south of Grayling on M-14.

FOUND—A HAMMER. Owner may claim same at Avalanche office.

WANTED—GIRLS' AND SMALL Children's coats and stockings. Also other articles from the homes. At the Salvage Shop. Open every day.

HOUSE FOR RENT—ON PARK ST. 6-room house. Inquire of Mrs. Mary Turner.

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The Probate Court for the county of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Charles F. Papendick, deceased. Notice is hereby given that four months from the 14th day of December A. D. 1926, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the village of Grayling in said county, on or before the 18th day of April A. D. 1927, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 18th day of April A. D. 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 14th A. D. 1926. GEORGE SORENSON, Judge of Probate.

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Still it must be admitted that there are several rivers for Governor Smith to cross between Albany and Washington.

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APPROPRIATION FOR KALKASKA ROAD

SHORTENS DISTANCE FROM THE USUAL ROUTE 25 MILES

John J. Niederer was a very happy man when he found that the state highway department had made appropriation for the construction of the highway between Grayling and Kalkaska—about 25 miles.

The need of such a highway was first brought to the attention of the public by Mr. Niederer, who was at that time chairman of the county road commission. He secured the backing of our board of supervisors and other strong influence and a constructive effort was made to get the highway

department to take over the route. An organization for an east and west highway from Traverse City on Lake Michigan to Harrisville on the Huron shore, touching the county seats of Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda and Alcona counties, was formed and a united effort for the establishment of the highway was made. Delegations met in Lansing with the highway department where they were able to show the need of such a highway.

It has taken a number of years to get the route designated and appropriation made, but it appears that it is a safe bet now for it to become a reality.

The highway from Kalkaska to Traverse City is already all first class. This new stretch will close the gap from the former city to Grayling. The highway department has already been working west from it.

Harrisville and have reached Mio. Just as soon as the 25 miles between that city and Grayling is completed there will be a trunk line highway stretching across Michigan through the heart of the upper counties.

While there is now a route from Grayling to Kalkaska, it is in poor condition and at times in almost impassible condition. Many preferred to go there by way of Gaylord, but this route added about 50 miles. The new route will, when completed for travel, cut off 50 miles from the distance to Traverse City and other points directly west of here. It has not only been the desire of the people living along this proposed route who have been interested in such an improved highway, but the state military department as well have seen the advantage of such a highway and have used their efforts to help secure it.

Local News

Claud Gilson spent the week end in Grayling.

Don't forget the Big Sale at Olson's on all Footwear.

Stanley Matson left Saturday for East Jordan where he will assist in the Gidley & Mac drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Brockman called on the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brockman last Thursday.

Popecorn sale at the Health Center Saturday afternoon. Proceeds to go for children who need their tonsils removed.

Miss Ingeborg Hanson returned home last Thursday from a several weeks visit in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Flint and Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McLeod are leaving today for Lansing to spend the winter months. Mr. McLeod expects to motor through, Mrs. McLeod going by rail.

Word has been received that Miss Elizabeth Jerome, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Bates of this city is ill with scarlet fever at the Lansing city hospital.

Mrs. J. S. Jensen announces that ticket No. 4 won the quilt which she made, the holder being Mrs. Fred Welsh. Mrs. Jensen wishes to thank those who bought tickets.

The Avalanche has been unofficially informed that the paving of M-14 through the city is an assured fact, and that it is the intention of the department to have the job completed by August 1st, 1927.

Christmas exercises for the south side Free Methodist church will be held Thursday evening, Dec. 23rd, at 8 o'clock. The church will be a proper one of speaking, singing and Christmas favors. All are cordially invited to attend and enjoy this occasion.

Word from East Jordan announces the birth of a daughter, Hazel Margaret, on December 14th to Rev. and Mrs. Victor J. Hufton. Rev. Hufton, who was a former pastor of the local M. E. church, now holds the pastorate of a church in East Jordan.

Mrs. Esbern Hanson is spending the week in Detroit, leaving Monday. Mr. Hanson left the same day for Green Bay, Wisconsin, on business, and on his return home will be accompanied by their son Junior, who will be coming home for the holidays from St. John's military school at Delafield, Wis.

Miss Elsie Erickson arrived Saturday and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Sorenson, expecting to remain until after Christmas.

Mrs. M. Simpson, who has been visiting her sister at Whittemore, Michigan, is in the city looking after her business interests and visiting with friends.

The Woman's Home Missionary society, together with the Queen Esther and Home Guards, their junior organizations, netted approximately \$130 last Friday afternoon at their sale and cafeteria lunch. This exceeded their expectations. Monday afternoon the Home Guards packed a Christmas box for the Sager-Brown orphanage and started it on its long journey to Baldwin, Louisiana.

A dinner party of very beautiful appointments was given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillett and Mr. and Mrs. Holger Peterson at Shoppensagon Inn Saturday evening. The guests, which were the ladies and gentlemen of the bridge club, were seated at a long table which was very attractive with red and green Christmas decorations. The evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gillett. The high scores for bridge being held by Mrs. Marius Hanson and Charles Tromble.

The Sunday School of the Michelson Memorial church will hold its Christmas entertainment Thursday evening of next week at the church. The program this year will consist of the presentation of a series of stereopticon slides, featuring a Christmas story and the story of Ben Hur. The program will start at 7:30 after which the members of the Sunday School will enjoy the usual Christmas tree. The following Sunday evening the Sunday School will present a short Christmas pageant, entitled "The Angels Message to the World." This pageant will feature a special background and lightings and will be well worth going to see.

CHARITY BALL

The annual Charity ball given by the Hospital Aid for the benefit of Mercy hospital will be given December 31st, New Year's Eve, at the school gymnasium. Schram's orchestra of seven pieces will furnish the music. Tickets, \$1.00 per couple, Children, 25 cents. Extra lady, 50 cents. Look for further announcements in next week's paper.

AN INTERRUPTED CALLER

A most unwelcome guest called at the home of Mrs. Daisy Kraus, bright and early last Sunday morning. It was very fortunate that Mr. and Mrs. Dell Walt were there with Mrs. Kraus at the time of the unduly familiar visit. Mr. Walt had just returned for the week end, driving in at about midnight.

After Mr. Walt's arrival, he with his wife and Mrs. Kraus had a cup of coffee, and they were preparing to retire for the remainder of the night, when a man rushed through the front door and into the living room, greatly agitated.

Very soon Mr. Walt calmly produced a gun, inviting the intruder to leave the place. This, he refused to do at first, claiming that he had been "held up" on the street in front of the Kraus home. However, he soon departed at the point of the gun.

The sheriff was then notified and a search was made for the man. He was apprehended finally in the kitchen of Earl Penn, who lives near the hospital. From there he was escorted to the jail by Sheriff Bobenmeyer, where he spent Sunday, and Monday morning he was brought before Justice Emil Kraus. The man gave his name as Harvey Woskoski, and he was released after paying his fine of \$10.00 and costs.

"You're a regular little tease," said John. "Still," pouted the modern girl, "I'm really not as bad as I am painted."



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The wets lost out in the Missouri referendum, but then the apple crop out there this fall is said to be a bumper one.

Both the wets and dries were satisfied with the result of the election which is more than can be said of the Republicans and Democrats.

Maybe there wouldn't be so much cheating if the married men were compelled to wear license plates the same as automobiles are.

That big hole in the family budget is where the turkey went thru.

Greetings of Christmas Time

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—With her baby sister, Lydia, Lydia returned from play to the untidy home of her impoverished father, Amos Dudley, at Lake City. Her father, John Levine, after discussing affairs with Dudley, made up his mind to go into politics.

CHAPTER II.—Lydia, Patricia and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are accosted by an old squaw from the nearby reservation. Lydia gives her dog, Margery, small change. Margery falls into the water. She is pulled out, unharmed but frightened, and taken home by Lydia and Kent. Lydia calls on Amos to complain, blaming Lydia for the mishap.

CHAPTER III.—Lydia explains the accident and asserts the beach party was a "stuck up" affair. Lydia is not a popular person. Lydia's father, Amos Dudley, is a miserly man. Lydia's father, Amos Dudley, is a miserly man. Lydia's father, Amos Dudley, is a miserly man.

CHAPTER IV.—Lydia succumbs to an attack of dysentery. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER V.—Grieving for the loss of little Patricia, Lydia's health fails. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER VI.—Lydia is elected sheriff. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER VII.—Lydia is shot by an unseen assassin. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER VIII.—Lydia is unable to drive the hatred of Lydia from her heart. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER IX.—Lydia is triumphant in her campaign for congress. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER X.—Walking with Kent in the woods, Lydia witnesses a murder. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

CHAPTER XI.—A visit from the old squaw whom Lydia befriended long ago causes Lydia to tell more of her father's story. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. Lydia is feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed.

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CHAPTER XIV.—A Congressional commission is sent to investigate Indian matters and evidence involving most of the town's prominent citizens is produced.

CHAPTER XV

Ducit Amor Patriae

It was the last week in August when John Levine was summoned before the commission. Lydia and Amos were summoned with him.

There were two long tables at one end of the room behind one of which sat the three commissioners. At the other table were the official stenographers and Charlie Jackson. Before the tables were chairs and here were John Levine and Kent, Pa Norton, and Billy, old Suede and a younger squaw, with several bucks.

Lydia gave a sigh of relief when Levine caught her eye across the room and smiled at her. She looked at the commissioners curiously. She knew them fairly well from the many newspaper pictures she had seen of them. The fat gentleman, with penetrating blue eyes and a clean-shaven face, was Senator Smith of Texas. The roly-poly man, with black eyes and a grizzled beard, was Senator Elway of Maine, and the tall, smooth-shaven man with red hair was Senator James of New York.

"Mr. Levine," said Senator Smith, "we have found that you have carried on so many—er—transactions that we finally decided to choose three or four sample cases and let our chair stand on those." Jackson, "call 'Crippled Bear'."

Charlie spoke quickly to one of the bucks, who rose and took the empty chair by Charlie.

He began to talk at once, Charlie interpreting slowly and carefully. "I am a miserly man. Many moons ago the man Levine found me drunk in the snow. He picked me up and kept me in his house over night. When I was sober, he fed me. Then

he made this plan. I was to gather half a dozen half-breeds together, he could trust. In the spring he would come up to the reservation and talk to us. I did this and he came. We were very hungry when he met us in the woods and he gave us food and money. Then he told us he was going to get the big fathers at Washington to let us sell our pine so we could always have money and food. Never hungry any more—never."

"Then he said while he was getting that done, he would pay us a little every month to go through the woods and chop down the best trees. The Big Father will let whites get dead and down timber out of Indian woods, he said. But not whites cut any. So we say yes and though full bloods are very bad when we cut down big trees, we do it. For many moons we do it and in winter, white men haul it to sawmills."

"Every little while, Levine comes up there and we have a council and tell him everything that happens. All about things Marshall and other whites do. And he pays us always. Then he tells us that the Big Father will let mixed bloods sell their pine lands but not full bloods. So then we agree when he wants any full blood land to swear that any full blood is mixed. And we have done this now, perhaps twenty times."

The mixed blood and Charlie paused. Mr. Smith took up a paper. "I have here, Mr. Levine, a statement of your dealings with the Lake City Lumber company. You have had saved by them during the past six or eight years millions of feet of pine lumber. I find that you are holding Indian lands in the name of Lydia Dudley and her father, Amos Dudley, these lands legally belonging to full bloods. Amos Dudley is also the purchaser of land from full bloods, as is William Norton, Sr., through you."

Lydia rose quickly. "Gentlemen," she exclaimed, "surely you can find enough counts against me without including Miss Dudley, who has never heard of the matter you mention." Commissioner James spoke for the first time. "Suppose we go on with the witnesses before we open any discussion with Mr. Levine. Jackson, what have these squaws to tell?"

Charlie called old Susie. And old Susie told of the death of her daughter from starvation and cold. This same daughter having sold her pines to Levine for a five-dollar bill and a dollar watch. She held out the watch toward Levine in one trembling old hand.

"I find this in dress, when she died. She strong. It take her many days to die. I old. I pray Great Spirit take me. No! I starve! I freeze! I no can die. She young. She have little baby. She die."

Suddenly, she flung the watch at Levine's feet and sank trembling into her chair.

There was silence for a moment. In at the open window came the rumble of a street car. Levine cleared his throat.

"All this is dramatic, of course, but doesn't make me the murderer of the squaw."

"No! you killed my father!" shouted Charlie Jackson. And rising, he hurled forth the story he had told Lydia, before, Lydia sat in her lap, her eyes fastened in horror on Charlie's face. It seemed to Lydia that the noise was fastened closer round John's neck with every word that was uttered.

Suddenly she sprang to her feet. "Stop, Charlie! Stop!" she screamed. "You shan't say any more!"

Senator Elway rapped on the table. "You're out of order, Miss Dudley," he exclaimed, sharply.

Lydia had forgotten to be embarrassed. "I can't help it if I am," she insisted. "I won't have Charlie Jackson picturing Mr. Levine as a fiend, while I have a tongue to speak with Mr. Levine's not a murderer. He couldn't be. He's been as much to me as my own father ever since my mother died when I was a little girl. He's understood me as only my own mother could."

"You think he could murder when he could hold a little girl on his knees and comfort her for the death of her little sister, when he taught her how to find God, when—oh, I know he's robbed the Indians—so has my own father, it seems, and so has Pa Norton, and so has Kent, and all of them are dear people. They've all been wrong. But think of the temptation, Mr. Commissioner! Supposing you were poor and the wonderful pluses lay up there, so easy to take."

"You're covering a good deal of ground and getting away from the specific case, Miss Dudley," said Smith. "Of course, what you say doesn't exonerate Mr. Levine. What you say of his character is interesting but there remains the fact that he has been proceeding fraudulently for years in his relations to the Indian lands. You yourself don't pretend to justify your acts, do you, Mr. Levine?"

Lydia sat down and Levine slowly rose and looked thoughtfully out of the window. "The legality or illegality of the matter has nothing to do with the broader ethics of the case, though I think you will find, gentlemen, that my acts are protected by law," he said. "The virgin land lies there, inhabited by a degenerate race, whose one hope of salvation lay in amalgamation with the white race. An ignorant government, when land was plenty and the tribe was larger, placed certain restrictions on the reservation. When land became scarce, and the tribe dwindled to a handful, those restrictions became wrong. It was inevitable that the whites should override them. Knowing that the ethics of my acts and those of other people would be questioned, I went to congress to get those restrictions removed. If another two years could have elapsed before these investigations had been begun, the fair name of Lake City never would have been smirched." Levine's hand on the back of his chair tightened as he looked directly at Billy Norton.

Once more Lydia came to her feet. "Oh, Mr. Levine," she exclaimed, "don't put all the blame on Billy! Really, it's my fault. He wouldn't have done it if I hadn't agreed that it was right. Oh, it is all my fault,"

she repeated brokenly, "all the trouble that's come to Lake City."

Billy Norton jumped up. "That's blamed nonsense!" he began, when South interrupted him, indignantly. "Be seated, Norton," then, gently, to Lydia, "My dear girl, you mean that knowing what an investigation would mean to the people you love, you backed young Norton in instigating one."

"Yes, sir," faltered Lydia. "Can you tell us why?" asked Elway, still more gently.

Lydia twisted her hands uncomfortably and looked at Billy. "Go ahead, Lyd," he said, reassuringly.

"Because it was right," she said, finally. "Because—Ducit Amor Patriae—you know, because no matter whether the Indians were good or bad, we had made promises to them and they depended on us." She paused, struggling for words.

"I did it because I felt responsible to the country like my ancestors did. In the Civil war and in the Revolution, to—to take care of America, to keep it clean, no matter how it hurt. I—I couldn't be led by love of country and see my people doing something contemptible, something that the world would remember against us forever, and not try to stop it, no matter how it hurt."

Trembling so that the ribbon at her throat quivered, she looked at the three commissioners, and sat down.

"I suggest that we adjourn for lunch," said Smith. "Miss Dudley, you need not return."

While her father paused to speak to Kent and Levine, Lydia made her escape.

She expected John Levine to come home with her father to supper, and for the first time in her life, she did not want to meet her best loved friend. But she might have spared herself this anxiety, for Amos came home alone. Levine was busy, he said.

To Lydia's pain and disappointment, Levine did not come to the cottage before he returned to Washington, which he did the week following the hearing. And then, all thought of her status with him was swallowed up in astonishment over the revelations that came out early in September when Dave Marshall and the Indian agent were called before the commission.

Dave Marshall was the owner of the Last Chance. The Last Chance where "bushes" lay in wait like vultures for the Indian youths, took their government allowances, took their ancient Indian decency, and cast them forth to pollute their tribe with drink and disease. The Last Chance! The headquarters for the illegal selling of whisky to Indians. Where Indians were taught to evade the law, to carry whisky into the reservation and where in turn the bounty for their arrest was pledged to Marshall. The Last Chance, the main source of Dave Marshall's wealth!

Even Lake City was horrified by these revelations. People began to remove their money from his bank and for a time a run was threatened, then Dave resigned as president and the run was stayed. The drug store owned by Dave was boycotted. The women of the town began to cut Margery and Elvira.

Lydia, sitting on the front steps in the lovely September afternoons, rubbed Adam's ears, watched the pine and the Norton herds and thought some long, long thoughts. Finally, one hazy Saturday afternoon, she gathered

Gathered a Great Bunch of Many-Colored Asters.

a great bunch of many colored asters and started off, without telling Lizzie of her destination.

It was nearly five o'clock when she stopped at the Marshall's gate. Elvira opened the screen door and Lydia marched in and paused. Dave Marshall was sitting by the kitchen table, his hat on the back of his head, a pile of newspapers on the floor beside him. He did not speak to Lydia when she came in.

This was worse than Lydia had thought it would be. She had not calculated on Dave's being at home. At that moment there was a light step in the dining room and Margery came into the kitchen. When she saw Lydia she gasped.

"Haden't you heard? Oh, Lydia! You came anyhow!" and suddenly Margery threw herself down and sobbed with her face in Lydia's lap.

Elvira threw her apron over her head and Dave, with a groan, dropped his head on his chest. For a moment, there was only the crackling of the fire in the stove and Margery's sobs to be heard.

Then Dave said, "What did you come for, Lydia? You only hurt yourself and you can't help us. I don't know what to do! God! I don't know what to do! I want Margery and her mother to pack up and go away—for good. I'll close up here and follow when I can. None of these cases will ever come to anything in our state court. It's the disgrace—and the way the women folks take it."

"I've been thinking," said Lydia, timidly, "that what you ought to do for you all to go away. The story would follow you. Mr. Marshall ought to get out everything and buy a farm. Let Mrs. Marshall go off for a visit, if she wants to, and let Margery come and stay with me a while and go to college."

Dave raised his head. "That's just what I'd like to do, Lydia. Just stay here and try to live it down. I'd like to farm it. Always intended to. I don't see why she needs to go to your house," said Elvira. "Let her stay right here, and go up to college with you if she will. And I don't want to go live on a farm, either."

"Elvira," said Dave grimly, "our day is over. All we can hope to save out of the wreck is a future for Margery. Just get that through your head once and for all. I think Lydia's idea is a horse sense. But it's for Margery to decide."

Margery rubbed her hand over her forehead. "Well," she said, "I don't see that I gain anything but a reputation for being a quitter, if I went to Lydia's. I'll stay with you folks, but I'll go to college, if Lydia'll stand by me."

Lydia rose. "Then that's settled. On Monday we'll register. I'll meet you on the eight o'clock car."

"I can't thank you, Lyd—" began Margery.

"I don't want any thanks," said Lydia, making for the door, where Dave intercepted her with outstretched hand.

Lydia looked up into his dark face and her own turned crimson. "I can't shake hands," she said, "honestly, I can't. The Last Chance and the starving squaws make me sick. I'll stand by Margery and help you—but I can't do that."

Dave Marshall dropped his hand and turned away without a word and Lydia sped from the house into the sunset.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

SUPREME COURT FAVORS GERHARDT

MICHIGAN SPORTSMEN PLEASED AT COLLINS-GERHARDT DECISION

Officials Point Out That Court's Holding Will Greatly Benefit People of Michigan; Streams to be Open to Public.

Michigan outdoor sportsmen's associations are united in their acclaim of the decision of the state supreme court in the Collins-Gerhardt case holding that navigable streams are legally open for fishing.

The fishermen contributed to a fund to carry to high state judiciaries the case of Gideon S. Gerhardt of Reed City, charged with trespassing on land owned by Frank Collins, of Toledo. Gerhardt had been held guilty by Judge Fred S. Lamb in circuit court in Cadillac, after Gerhardt had been arrested for fishing in Pine river, Lake county.

"The decision means that dozens of streams that were being bought up by land holders and clubs will be kept open to the general public," said Clarence V. Smazel, secretary of the Western Michigan Development League. "Such streams include the Pere Marquette, AuSable rivers, Pine Little and Big Manistee rivers, Big creek and hundreds of similar streams throughout Michigan."

Helps People

Dr. C. C. Webb, president of the Manistee League chapter, said, "this decision will give back to the people the right we feared we had lost. It means that the natural right of fishing will not be denied in Michigan streams."

"Needless to say, Michigan sportsmen are delighted with the decisions." "The supreme court has upheld a natural right. But that does not give fishermen the right to damage property through waste of the stream flows or otherwise violate the property rights of the land owner."

The Upper Pine river in the section flowing through the Collins land is well known for brook trout.

READY TO COLLECT TAXES

I will be at the Treasurer's office in the Court house beginning Monday, December 16th to collect taxes for the Township of Grayling. The hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12:00 o'clock noon; and from 1 to 5 p. m. Also on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

CARL J. JENSEN, Township Treasurer.

Granddad may have been a sod buster, but not on the Golf links.

Feeling Fine

HEALTH brings with it that grand and glorious feeling which fills one with pep and ambition. CHIROPRACTIC has been responsible for bringing that feeling to thousands. Are you in ill health? Then investigate. Consultation is free.

R. E. GOSLOW, Chiropractor, Avalanche Bldg. Phone 361. Daily except Sunday—2 to 5 p. m. 6:30 to 7:30 p. m. (Other Hours by Appointment)

RECORD OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the sixth day of December, A. D. 1934.

In the absence of T. W. Hanson, president, meeting was called to order by T. P. Peterson, president pro tem.

Trustees present: A. L. Roberts, George Sorenson, Geo. W. McCullough and Emil Giegling.

Absent: Frank Jensen. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Finance Committee

To the President and members of the Common Council of the village of Grayling: Your committee on Finance, Claims and Accounts respectfully recommends that the accompanying bills be allowed as follows:

1—Grayling Electric Co., service for November 1934. \$144.00

2—Grayling Electric Co., service for Nov. tourist park. 1.15

3—Mac & Gidley, supplies. 6.65

4—Peter Larson, 2 loads fertilizer for packing hyacinths. 1.00

5—Nelson Service Station, gas and oil. 2.85

6—Burke's garage, Nov. storage fire truck, roadster and supplies. 17.00

7—P. Quigley, fire report. 17.00

8—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Nov. 5. 31.50

9—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Nov. 20. 24.75

10—Julius Nelson, payroll ending Dec. 1. 23.65

11—American Red Cross, nurse's salary Sept., Oct. 150.00

12—O. P. Schumann, printing. 14.40

13—Frank May, 1-32 calibre automatic pistol for marshal. 10.00

EMIL GIEGLING, G. W. McCULLOUGH, T. P. PETERSON, Committee.

Moved by Roberts and supported by Giegling that the above bills be allowed and the clerk be instructed to draw orders for the amounts. Motion carried.

Yea and nay vote called, all members present voting yea.

Moved by Giegling and supported by Sorenson that the village furnish a Christmas tree and the necessary lighting for the community. Christmas tree services to be in charge of the Goodfellowship club on corner of Michigan and Peninsula avenues. Motion carried.

Moved by Roberts and supported by Sorenson that we accept the report of the treasurer and manager of the "Citizens' bank," and that Emil Giegling be appointed temporary custodian of all properties until further disposition is made of same. Motion carried.

Thereupon the board adjourned.

CHRIS JENSEN, Clerk.

T. P. PETERSON, President Pro Tem.

LITTLE QUIPS ON THE FAIR SEX

The young lady who asked for a pint of red oil because her rear high had gone out was quite peeved because the man at the service station laughed.

The husband who insisted his wife became historical rather than hysterical whenever he stayed at the club, probably had heard considerable of his past history from his better half.

Wife, who drives from the back seat, never suggests that she repair a puncture. Apparently her automobile knowledge does not include that phase.

"Is a steer a young horse or a pig?" asked one city girl to the other. "I don't know," was the reply. "They had no poultry of any kind where I stayed last summer."

Will there be an Orthophonic Victrola in your home this Christmas?

CHRISTMAS is not really Christmas without music. Bring the true holiday spirit into your home with the best music in the world—Orthophonic Music. The gift that keeps on giving! You can still get an Orthophonic Victrola in time for Christmas. But the time is short. Come in and see us about it—now!

New Orthophonic

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AMSTERDAM CREAM

FOR CHAPPED HANDS, FACE, LIPS AND ROUGHNESS OF THE SKIN

A DELICIOUS EMOLLIENT FOR DAILY USE AS A BEAUTIFIER

Will make the skin clear, smooth and white and preserve it from the action of drying winds on cold and bright autumn days. It soothes and relieves chapped lips, chapped hands, dry skin, etc.

ALCOHOL 15% For gentlemen after shaving it will be found superior to alcohol and toilet waters.

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Stock is Fresh

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THE REXALL STORE

LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1926

Miss Pauline Schoonover is ill at her home.

Frank Reagan left last week for Jackson where he is now employed.

Ask the clerk for our 50 per cent off bargains in toys. Sorenson Bros.

Frank Tetu has again opened his radio shop in the Schmidt building on Michigan avenue.

Mrs. Clarence Brown has been visiting her parents and friends in Bay City for a few days.

David Paige, a former well known woodsman of Frederic, died at his home in Newberry recently.

Ever Ready Flashlight Batteries, large size, 12 1/2 c. Fresh stock, guaranteed. S. B. Variety Store.

Miss Gladys Chamberlain is assisting at the Grayling Mercantile Co. store during the holiday season.

Albert Knibbs is on a trip to Cadillac to get a snow plow for the county this week, leaving Tuesday.

Toys at half price. Ask the clerk for these extraordinary bargains. Sorenson Bros.

"Klean Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

See our baby dolls at the Blanch Beauty Shop.

Buy Footwear at Olson's Sale and spend the difference.

Mrs. Robert Reagan and daughter Elaine spent the week end in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson visited over the week end with relatives in St. Louis, Mich.

Mrs. C. R. Keyport and Mrs. C. G. Clippert were in Detroit from Sunday until Wednesday.

George Miller Jr. is leaving tomorrow for Flint to visit his sisters, Mrs. F. Karnes and Mrs. E. King, for a few days.

Toys are being sold at the L. J. Kraus Estate hardware store at half price. Call and make your selection at this big reduction.

Miss Margaret Nelson returned home Monday morning from Detroit where she had been the guest of Miss Hainline for a week.

Mrs. Frank Tetu and children returned home the last of the week after spending several weeks in West Branch visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.

St. Mary's Altar society held a most successful bake sale and novelty sale at Mac & Gidley's drug store last Saturday afternoon, netting them the neat sum of \$74.00.

Russell Vallad and wife have moved from rooms in the Jerry Sherman house on Chestnut street to the Brink house near the flooring mill, that he might be nearer to his work in that mill.

Watch for the Junior circus about the middle of January.

All Footwear is greatly reduced at Olson's Shoe Sale.

Children thrive on Blue Bird bread because of its high nutritive value.

Mrs. Henry Feldhauser was pleasantly surprised Monday evening when a number of friends called to celebrate with her, her seventieth birthday. They served a nice lunch and played cards. All enjoyed a very nice time.

Miss Mabel Shippy resumed her duties at the Avalanche office Monday morning after a three weeks vacation spent visiting her mother and brother at Bellaire, and also spending some time in Lansing, Muskegon and Grand Rapids.

The Keeper of the Bees will be shown at Grayling Opera House, under the auspices of the Woman's club Dec. 21 and 22. This is one of the best moving picture features of the day and comes very highly recommended. Don't miss it.

You will want to hear the Christmas carols at the Community Christmas tree on Christmas eve, at 7:30 o'clock. More singers are needed and anyone early to assist should call Mrs. C. G. Clippert. This is given under auspices of the Good Fellowship club.

Finley Klingensmith is leaving Monday morning for Sheffield, Pa. where he will visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Klingensmith, former residents of Grayling, for about two weeks. His position at the "Try It" cafe will be taken by Carlyle Brown during his absence.

Next Tuesday afternoon the children of St. Mary's church will be treated to a Christmas party, in the form of a movie at the Grayling Opera house, that will be presented at 3:30 o'clock. During the movie Santa Claus will appear and distribute boxes of candy and nuts.

We have arranged a bargain counter of toys in the rear end of store. Any article on this counter is marked at just half the regular price. Odds and ends of every description is shown on this price cutting table. While some of the items are slightly damaged there are certainly some big bargains in dolls, games, animals and many other toys. Ask the clerk for these big values. Sorenson Bros.

The Ladies National League party at the American Legion hall last evening was a very enjoyable affair. About sixty were there to enjoy the Christmas tree, where each received a present and candy, and the fine lunch. Mrs. Enos Dutton won the prize that is always given at their parties, this time a lovely box of stationery. Mrs. Lindahl won the prize for serving the most pearls on a knife and Miss Idessa King the prize for stuffing apples in a stocking.

Mr. Carl Babbitt has been seriously ill for some time and his physicians thought it best for him to go to a warmer climate, so last week Wednesday he and his wife and son Clifford left for Hot Springs, Arkansas. There they found it warm and pleasant, flowers and green grass and seventy-two in the shade. Their oldest son Leroy is staying at the home of Carl Parsons that he may attend school here and two little ones, Billy and Carl, are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Babbitt at the Rainbow club on the AuSable.

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SHOPPING HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

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The Selection of Gifts at this Store Easily
Solves Your Gift Problems--Look This List Over



MEN'S TIES

New line just in

\$50c, \$1.00, \$1.50

MEN'S SHIRTS—\$1.25 TO \$4.50

FELT SLIPPERS—\$1.00, \$1.50

HANDKERCHIEFS—10c TO 50c

BATH ROBES, GLOVES, MITTS,

CAPS, HATS, GARTER SETS,

FLANNEL SHIRTS, PAJAMAS,

NIGHTGOWNS,

TRAVELING BAGS.

LADIES PURSES, \$2.95 and \$3.95

BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS,

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GARTER SETS

SHOE TREES

FANCY TOWELS

BUFFET SETS

SCARFS

BATH ROBES

FELT SLIPPERS

GLOVES AND MITTS

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Sale Starts Friday, Dec. 10th, Ends Xmas Eve

Our entire stock will be offered for sale at Greatly Reduced Prices for 13 days. Starting Dec. 10th, every article will be sold at from 10 to 50 per cent off the regular price just in time to make your dollars go further for Christmas.

- 20 per cent off on all Shoes, Slippers and Oxfords.
- 10 per cent off on all Goodrich Zippers.
- 10 to 20 per cent off on Rubbers, Artics and Tennis.
- 20 per cent off on all Hosiery.
- 20 per cent off on all Gloves, Mittens and Liners.
- 20 per cent off on all House Slippers for all the family.
- 20 and 25 per cent off on Boys' and Men's High Tops.
- 10 to 20 per cent off on all Sheepskin and Felt Footwear
- 25 to 50 per cent off on about 75 pairs of Odd pairs.



Store Will Be Open Every Evening Until Xmas.

Olson's Shoe Store,

Grayling, Mich.
Better Shoes for Less Money

Get toys for the kiddies for Christmas at the Kraus hardware store at one-half off regular price.

Mens' Oxfords are going like hot cakes at \$3.98 and \$4.40 at Olson's sale.

H. A. Bauman returned Friday from Salisbury, N. C. after having spent several weeks visiting his daughter, Mrs. Walter Woodson. Mrs. Bauman remained for a longer visit.

While the weather has been very cold, fifteen and more below zero for several nights, notice in "Twenty-five Years Ago," where the Avalanche states, Dec. 19th: "Whew! Seventeen below zero yesterday morning!"

Ernest Corwin is quite recovered from the cuts and bruises he received when he became entangled in the cog wheels of the wood sawing machinery at his home, Oak Grove farm last week. The men were getting the machine ready for work when his clothes were caught and torn to shreds and he received a serious cut on the head.

A number of interesting family groups were present at the "Family Night" service at the Michelson Memorial church last Sunday evening, in which service a large Bible was given away to the largest family present. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Yoder won the Bible by having present with them their eight children. Next Sunday evening will be "Railroaders' Night." Invitations are being sent out to all railroad men to be present.

In our Perfume stock you will find many well known brands: Caron's, Coty's, Piver's, Houbigant's, Yardley's and others. Prices from 25c an ounce and up. Central Drug Store.

Drop in and see the new Fanchon toilet goods. We have them. Central Drug Store.

House Slippers by the hundred for 79 cents and up at Olson's Shoe sale.

\$2.98 to \$4.00 buys a fine pair of Women's slippers at Olson's sale.

Misses Beatrice and Calla Brott, Idessa King and Mildred Ostrander attended the birthday party of Frank and Herman Bertl in Roscommon last Friday evening.

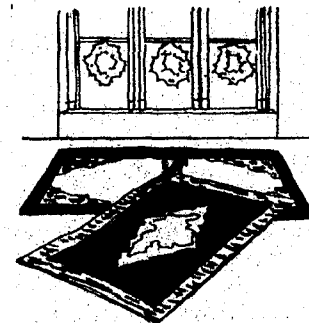
Miss Lucilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Colleen and Beulah, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Colleen, who have been employed in Detroit, are to arrive Saturday to be with their families and friends for the holidays.

Most unusual weather for December has been with us this week. Low temperature has predominated since Monday afternoon. The air has lacked that usual clear crispness that usually prevails and has been quite uncomfortable. Early evenings have shown below zero temperatures. The coldest period for the week was Wednesday morning, 8 o'clock, when it reached 8 below zero. This morning at 8:00 o'clock it was four below, according to the records kept at the fish hatchery. The high temperature and rain of Monday softened the snow and when the quick freeze-up came Monday evening it left the walks and highways extremely rough and hard to travel. Weather predictions, however, indicate rising temperature the last of the week.

Highest prices paid for furs. Carl Parsons, at Landsberg's Store, 12-2-3.

The new Fanchon line of fine toilet requisites is now on display. Drop in and look it over. It is real nice. Central Drug Store.

Rugs A Lasting Gift



What could be more practical than a Rug for your home as a Christmas gift? It is combining the useful and the ornamental in a most practical manner.

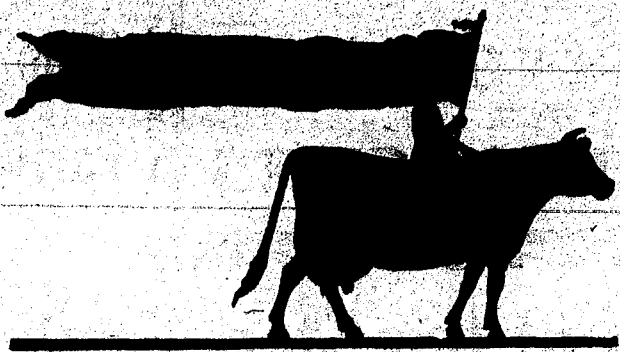
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Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"The man on the farm has the opportunity to found a dynasty. City properties may come and go; rented houses may be removed; stocks and bonds may rise and fall; but, the land still remains; and a man can remain on the land and subsist with it so long as he KNOWS HOW to handle it properly. It is largely, therefore, a question of EDUCATION as to how long any family can establish itself on a piece of land."—L. H. Bailey, in "The Country Life Movement."

Another Car
A car of agricultural limestone has been ordered for Joseph Sullivan, who has bought the McIntyre place, north of "T-Town."

Mr. Sullivan will apply the lime at once on fall-plowed ground, at the rate of three tons per acre. In the spring it will be dragged in, then commercial fertilizer will be liberally applied and dragged in, and the whole 16 acres will be seeded to the best certified, scarified, northern grown Grimm alfalfa seed to be found.

This is the seventh car of agricultural lime to be brought into our county in 1926. The total weight of the seven cars is 350 tons. It will help put the grease where the squeak is.

We shipped in 280 tons last year, and nearly as much the year before, and some in previous years.

If we can keep this up a while we are going to make a creditable showing of alfalfa.

Without lime and alfalfa we have not many farmers who will last long; for, when the soil gets so it will not grow legume hay (clover, alfalfa or sweet clover) the end is not far away.

Time will prove this statement, and it will not take so very much time either.

In reach of All
Legume hay is just what stock needs. It is just what stock needs. Legume hay is in the reach of all our farmers.

Let them simply spend for lime half that they spend for hay, and they will grow more hay than they now have by buying, and will steadily make their land better by growing legumes, as almost everybody knows. Why not, then, start doing it?

12 or 15
Our farmers should take 12 or 15 tons of lime next spring, to do themselves justice. "Cheaper to buy lime than hay" is no joke.

Spend half as much for lime as you spend for hay, and you solve the problem. There are lots of ways to get the money. Sell a poor cow or calf; sell wood in town; sell 2 or 3 dressed hogs that you could have raised last summer. Yes, there are lots of ways. Get the lime money where you get the hay money!

Money spent for hay is gone in a few weeks. Spent for lime you see the effect for years. The right application of lime lasts 8 to 10 years.

Good Things for Christmas
Christmas never draws near without causing me to wonder how the families of my farmer friends are "hitched up" for good reading for the winter.

Magic Wand
I often wish that I could wave a

magic wand and cause them all to be supplied with: The Avalanche; Michigan Farmer; Hoard's Dairyman or Woman's Home Companion.

I have not named these at random. An outfit like that is necessary in each home.

The Avalanche, to give local news, bargains, opportunities and what ever of good there may be in the farm column.

Michigan Farmer is written for Michigan conditions.

Hoard's Dairyman will make a better dairyman out of a man if anything can make a change in him.

The series of nine articles, now running, on feeding, can make hundreds of dollars for a man who will honestly read them with an open mind.

Youth's Companion, now in its hundredth year. I never call at a farm home, or at a rural school, without wondering what the young, growing up there, have to read.

Feed the mind upon, to properly entertain. The Youth's Companion is one of the most satisfying papers for boys and girls that I know of. I have read the Youth's Companion since I was seven or eight years old, and still take it and read it. Steady reading of it cannot help do much for our rural boys and girls.

I do not think any parent will regret having furnished such reading to his children. When they are grown up they will thank him for it.

There should be one strong, bright magazine of quality for mother in the list.

I heartily wish that we could have more of the above list in our farm homes.

Christmas is a good time to make presents of the papers named.

Surely, by good planning, it can be done. Postmasters can take subscriptions. There is just time to get it done before Christmas.

Nothing would please me better than to have children say to me, next spring, when I call at the farm, "See, we have the Youth's Companion. We take the Avalanche. We take most all those papers that you wrote about."

Neighborhood Act
Christmas is close at hand. Would not it be a neighborly act to urge a neighbor to take the county paper? Why not make the effort to get him to do so?

All county agents in the state have been called to the Agricultural College; therefore I plan to be out of the office from noon, Monday, Dec. 13, to 2 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 18.

We are called in to be told of the latest things that the various departments at the college have found out, to keep us lined up, toned up, in agricultural work.

Short Courses
Can we not have at least one man or woman, boy or girl, take one of the splendid short courses beginning at the College right after the Holidays. I can steer such straight on expenses, where to find room, board, etc.

Salt Bath for Goldfish
The bureau of fisheries says that if the tail of a goldfish is fringed or frayed out, this is caused by a fungus growth, and it is advisable to give it a salt bath frequently.

MEATS
for the Holidays

Choosing Meats for the Holidays, especially if you are having company, is often a problem. To aid you in solving it we suggest the following appetizing meats:

Plump Young Turkey
Spring Chicken
Ducks, Geese
Delicious Prime Roasts of all kinds
Prize Hams, fried or boiled
Pork, Veal and Lamb Chops, appetizing for breakfast or supper.
Pressed meats of all kinds. And don't forget fine fresh Oysters for dressings or frying.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward Mason, Ethel Taylor.

A task is something to be done—not contemplated. The only work that counts is that you put behind you.

Carl—"What striking characteristics that man has?"
Lacey—"Yes, he happens to be Gene Tunney."

The Reds, whose captain was Ada Kidston, won the subscription contest. Wednesday night the two losing sides, the Greens and Blues, entertained the Reds by giving a party in the high school gymnasium. There were many contests, some in which all those present took part, and others in which but a few took part. Excellent refreshments were served, and all departed for home, feeling that working so hard in the contest had been worth their efforts.

Courage is imperial. It underlies true achievement.

Bernadette M.—"You know, my brother is so strong that he can pull a tree out of the ground by its roots."

Mildred H.—"That's nothing. Why, my brother Marius rushed out of the house the other day and tore up the street!"

Some fellows leave school because they can't take it with them.

Elmer N.—"Who invented the hole in the doughnut?"
Thorwald S.—"Oh, some fresh air fiend, I suppose."

One secret of success—stick-to-it-iveness.

The subject of the debate Thursday evening was: "Resolved, That the United States Government should own the Coal Mines." The affirmative was supported by Elinor Jones, Ruth Miller and Charles Morse from West Branch. The negative was supported by Amos Hunter, Ethel Taylor and George Schroeder of this city.

Both sides were well prepared and all participants gave their parts with very little use of notes. The thought and language used were very good. The judges were: Mr. Burdett of Gaylord, Miss Rittenhouse of Cheboygan, and Mr. Lynch of Toledo, Ohio. R. D. Bailey acted as chairman. The decision was given in favor of the negative.

After the program the debaters and judges were invited to a little luncheon that was served in the cooking room, after which there was a dance with music furnished by part of the high school orchestra.

These debates are of such quality and are so valuable to the young people and entertaining to the public that they deserve better attendance.

Tell a girl she has a musical laugh and she will fall for your staidest joke.

Ina—"Did that play have a happy ending?"

Martha B.—"Sure. Everybody was happy when it was over."

Earnest Larson and Matt Bidvia were visitors at school last week.

Wants of prominent high school students:

Helen Schumann—A social secretary.

Lewis Engel—Tickle-proof armor.

Ella Hanson—Lots of letters.

Margrethe Hanson—A giggle muffler.

Nobby Stephan—Someone to make him smile.

Edward Mason—A girl with some "horse sense."

Evelyn H.—Someone to gossip with.

George Schroeder—The dignity which befits the president of the senior class.

Lacey Stephan—Shirley's comb.

Ada Kidston—A boy who likes Ben Hur.

Ethel Taylor—A few assistants who will do her school work while she does "bigger and better things."

Janice Bailey—An able-bodied skating instructor.

Stanley Stephan—His seat moved next to Ella.

Violet Williams—A drug store shock.

Sarah Vance—Wants "The Virginian" to come true.

Shirley M.—A date every night with.

Basket Ball

Roscommon played Grayling last Friday evening in a game of basket ball. The girls from each city played a preliminary. It was a good game, Grayling having a decided advantage, the score being 33 and 17 in favor of our team.

The boys' game was very fast and exciting. It was a hard battle from start to finish. The score at the end of the first half was 7-6, in favor of Roscommon. Norval Stephan scored six of Grayling's 12 points. The game ended 12-10 in favor of Grayling.

N. Stephan—Center.
H. LaGrow—L. Forward.
F. Brady—R. Forward.
C. Wiley—R. Guard.
G. Schroeder—L. Guard.
Roscommon line-up:
Rutledge—Center.
Gardner—R. Forward.
William—L. Forward.
Williams—R. Forward.
Murphy—L. Guard.
Cornelia—R. Guard.

WORK STRAINS EYES

Lavoptik Strengthens Them
"Being an engraver my eyes are under heavy strain. LAVOPTIK has helped them wonderfully."—R. J. Schwab.

LAVOPTIK makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Helps eye pains and inflammation surprisingly quick. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

Photograph Saves Voice

A woman in London conducts a rather novel school for the purpose of teaching parrots how to talk. Instead of straining her throat and consuming valuable time in repeating words for the parrot to practice on, she sets a phonograph going and leaves the instrument to do all the talking.

Michigan Happenings

The ghost of a dark brindle cow wandered into the proceedings of the state administrative board at Lansing. A farmer demanded that the state pay him for the loss of the animal. He declared employees of the state highway department left some green paint in the road and the cow drank it. Shortly afterward the cow left this earthly sphere. The case was referred to the attorney-general to determine whether the state was at fault for leaving the paint in the road or the farmer for letting his cow get onto the highway.

A new press building that will house the student publications of the University of Michigan will be a project of the near future, the regents of the university decided at their meeting recently. An expenditure of \$100,000 that the student magazines and papers have earned, will be used for this purpose. The new building will contain offices and printing plants for the Michigan Daily, student newspaper; Gargoyle, humor magazine; Chimes, Campus Opinion weekly, and the Michiganian, year book.

A big bull moose owes his life to five men, who at the risk of their own lives, rescued him from a watery grave after hours of futile struggle and hoisted him on Round Island, near Sault Ste. Marie. The struggling animal was guided to shore by the five in a small boat, showing no fear whatsoever. So exhausted was the big animal that he was unable to walk ashore and the five men pulled him up, spread their coats over him, and applied artificial respiration until he could move about.

A \$500 reward for recovery of a deer weighing between 400 and 500 pounds, which he shot in Alpena county during the deer season and which was stolen from his camp, has been offered by W. L. Culver, a Grand Rapids real estate dealer. He has searched for the deer without success for some weeks. Culver said the animal had become a highly sought prize of northern Michigan hunters who had frequently seen it during the last five years but who were unable to bring it down.

In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 1926, Michigan, with 3.41 per cent of the population of the country, paid 7.96 per cent of the total internal revenue collected by the government. In dollars and cents this means Michigan, last year, paid \$51.83 per capita as compared with \$21.97 per capita for the nation. The total internal revenue taken from Michigan was \$225,629,148, made up of \$122,570,115 in income taxes and \$103,059,032 in miscellaneous taxes.

Fifty deputy game wardens will work as under-armor men for the West Michigan Game and Fish Protective Association this winter. A club has been formed, whose membership will be limited to 50, and will be composed entirely of commissioned wardens. The membership of the club will be kept secret. By keeping the names of its members unknown to the public, officers of the club believe the efficiency of the organization will be greatly increased.

Slightly more than 10 years ago, Peter Dzewzewski, then 27 years old, took out a marriage license to wed Mary Gortal, 22. The exact date of the license was July 24, 1916. But it took Dzewzewski all these years to think the matter over, for his wedding didn't take place until November 25, 1926, according to a return on the license received by Thomas Farrell, clerk of Wayne county.

The Manitow Islands, 14 miles west of Leland, in Lake Michigan, have been linked again with the mainland by a slender telephone cable, laid at a cost of about \$100,000. The installation of the cable was completed recently by the department of communication of the United States coast guard service and was put into operation at once. Construction was begun early in the summer.

Convicted of trapping muskrats out of season, Anton Kanakowicz, 42 years old, of Muskegon Heights, chose to serve 30 days in jail rather than pay a fine of \$50, although when arrested he had \$1,480 in \$20 bills in his pocket.

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